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Dear Academician Blagonravov:

We are gratified that it has become possible to establish the Washington-Moscow communications link for exchange of satellite meteorological data and to begin the interim exchange of conventional meteorological data over that link. I hope that it will become possible for us to accelerate the pace and extend the scope of our cooperation.

As you know, under Section II.A.5 of the Second Memorandum of Understanding of November 5, 1964, we are required to meet early in 1965 to review the exchange of meteorological data and to consider appropriate action in the light of the availability or prospects for availability of satellite data. I should like to propose that we hold this meeting at some mutually convenient time and place between now and June. Please let me know as soon as possible what time and place you prefer for our meeting.

In this connection, you will recall that the Protocol establishing the communications link anticipated the availability of meteorological satellite data for exchange by early 1965, and that the following stipulation is contained in Section II.A.5 of the Second Memorandum of Understanding: "If satellite data do not become mutually available within a reasonable time, the exchange of data over this link will be discontinued." Therefore, a clear indication of the prospects for availability of satellite data from both sides will be necessary in making the required review of our exchange.

NASA review completed

As a separate matter, there is the unfinished business covered by my letter to you of December 2, 1964 on a joint review of space biology and medicine and my letter of December 8, 1964 on an exchange of visits to deep space tracking and data acquisition facilities. I suggest that our meeting on the meteorological data exchange might also be the occasion for discussion of these other matters. If you agree to this suggestion, I would appreciate your early response to my letters of December 2 and 8, so that we may provide for the presence of the experts necessary to assure a factual discussion.

Sincerely yours,

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